2008 Indiana State Fair – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman spent several days at the fair to celebrate Indiana's rich agricultural heritage and the progress the industry has made. Continue to see her experience at this year's Indiana State Fair.







"Year of the Tree"

While many Hoosiers think of crops as corn or soybeans, many will be surprised to learn trees are crops which provide a \$17 billion economic impact to our state. That's why this year the tree was featured at the Indiana State Fair.





Lt. Gov. Skillman talks to volunteers at the World's Largest Drive-Thru Breakfast at the Indiana State Fair. Drivers received a breakfast and a gallon of ethanol.





Lt. Gov. Skillman speaks during the Paul Dana Awards, which honors leaders in Indiana's biofuels industry.





Lt. Gov. Skillman presents the Paul Dana award, which was given to the Indiana Soybean Alliance, the Indiana Corn Marketing Council and the Indiana Corn Growers Association.



Lt. Gov. Skillman delivers remarks at the annual Celebration of Agriculture at the state fair. The Lt. Governor hosted the event, which honors the importance of agriculture, highlights the accomplishments of Indiana's agriculture industry and also provides an opportunity for feedback from industry members.

Lt. Gov. Skillman awards Charles "Shorty" Whittington the ArgiVision Award. The award is given to one recipient each year who has dedicated his or her life to improving Indiana's agricultural industry. Whittington is a leader in the biofuels industry.





Lt. Gov. Skillman spends some time with Charles "Shorty" Whittington and his family after the Celebration of Agriculture at the Indiana State Fair. Whittington was this year's recipient of the AgriVision Award.





Lt. Gov. Skillman tours the cattle barn at the Indiana State Fair and stops to talk to Hoosiers who work in the industry.

Lt. Gov. Skillman talks to Bureau of Motor Vehicles representative at the Indiana State Fair.



Lt. Gov. Skillman announces Hoosiers Care at the Indiana State Fair. Hoosiers Care is a new initiative to educate the public on easy steps they can take to conserve energy and reduce waste.





Lt. Gov. Skillman talks to Indiana State Fair employees who worked in the Pioneer Village.





Lt. Gov. Skillman meets with students in the Hoosier Agribusiness and Science Academy. The Lt. Governor launched the program two years ago to give urban high school students an opportunity to learn about Indiana's agricultural industry, while earning college credit. The students volunteered their time at the state fair.



Lt. Gov. Skillman speaks during the Indiana Farm Bureau's pancake breakfast.



Lt. Gov. Skillman shares a moment with Abdul, radio talk host for WXNT in Indianapolis, at the Farm Bureau Pancake Breakfast.



Lt. Gov. Skillman presented the John Arnold Rural Preservation Award to Gary and Margie Byerly. The award recognizes farmers who have demonstrated respect for the heritage of their farms, while also combining progressive agricultural practices.





Lt. Gov. Skillman talks to Hoosiers, including Gary and Margie Byerly, recipients of the John Arnold Rural Preservation Award, at the Indiana State Fair.



Are you interested in receiving email updates about the work of the Daniels/Skillman Administration? Click HERE to sign up.

Or, visit our website at www.in.gov/lgov/ and click on E-mail Updates.